



Sunday Morning Worship
January 12, 2020

Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. Please stop by the Welcome Table in the foyer - we would love to meet you! If you would like more information, please fill out one of the info cards on the table, refer to our print newsletter, *City This Month*, or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

Self-will and prayer are both ways of getting things done. At the center of self-will is me, carving a world in my image, but at the center of prayer is God, carving me in his Son's image.

- Paul E. Miller, "A Praying Life"

Please speak to an usher or greeter if you have any questions about the nursery and children's programs.

- *There is a nursery for children infant – 3 during the service.*
- *Cry Room space is available during the service off the foyer and Board Room.*
- *Children's bulletins are available at the side table for those staying in service.*
- *During the sermon, children 4 – 7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church.*

Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:1-3, 6

Please stand for the Call to Worship if you are able.

Leader Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

People **Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.**

Leader Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

People **Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.**

Leader Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David...

People **Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near...**

Prayer of Invocation

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

(Words: John Newton 1774; Music: Laura Taylor 2001)

Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name,
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame,
He has washed us with his blood (3x),
He has bought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who brought us,
Pitied us when enemies.
Called us by his grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with his blood (3x),
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptations
Threaten hard to bear us down.
For the Lord our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqueror's crown
He who washed us with his blood (3x),
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store.
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more.
He who washed us with his blood (3x),
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted him before us
Now their praises fill the sky.
You have washed us with your blood (3x),
You are worthy, Lamb of God

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

How Firm a Foundation

(Words: R. Keene & George Keith 1787; Melody: American Folk)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

In every condition, in sickness, in health;
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,
As thy days may demand, shall My strength ever be.

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow,
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply,
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break,
I will never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Psalm 24 | We Long to See You

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)

Almighty God, we long to see you.
Open our hearts and make them pure.
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy.
Come teach our souls to love your truth.

Call to Confession: Isaiah 55:7

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that so often we simply do not put our trust in you. Problems arise and we are quick to look for solutions on our own rather than come to you in prayerful trust. We face temptations and we are quick to believe that you have withheld some good thing from us that we have to try to get on our own. Our fears overwhelm us and we are quick to forget all the times you have helped us in the past. We are quick to forget the love you have shown us in Jesus and so we look for our rescue and our identity in other sources.

Father, expose in us our lack of trust in you. Remind us through your word and through your people that you are a trustworthy God. Remind us that you care for us in Christ. Remind us that you, the Creator, are more beautiful and fulfilling than any created thing that we turn into an idol. Lead us by your Spirit to turn away from our unbelief and toward you, the living God. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Galatians 4:4-6

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

As offering bags are passed, we ask that members and regular attendees consider contributing as an act of worship. Those who are not a regular part of our church are not expected to participate.

Psalm 85 | Speak Peace

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoko & Paul Zach 2019)

*Speak peace to your people
Speak peace to your saints
Speak peace to your people
Speak peace to all the earth*

Surely his salvation is at hand
Unfailing love and truth have met
Righteousness will cover all the earth
And his glory will fill the land

Lord revive your joy in us again
And let us hear what you will say
Will your anger always be on us
Will you not restore us again

You have covered all our sin
We have been restored again
Show us your unfailing love
Grant us salvation

Pastoral Prayer

At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. The leaders will bring the children to Children's Church and then back to the worship service after the sermon.

Sermon: Revelation 3:14-22

"Can Someone *PLEASE* Get the Door?" - Reverend Bob Allums

“**A**nd to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.

¹⁵“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. ¹⁹Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. ²⁰Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. ²¹The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²²He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Jeremiah 29:11-14 / For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the LORD.

Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q 98. What is prayer?

A. Prayer is offering up our desires to God for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and with thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

Come Ye Sinners

(Words: Joseph Hart 1759; Melody: Southern Harmony Folk 1835; Arrangement: Daniel Snoke 2018)

Come ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity love and pow'r
He is able, He is able
He is willing doubt no more

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty, glorify
True belief and true repentance
Ever'y grace that brings you nigh
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Let not conscience make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him
This He gives you, this He gives you
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Come ye weary, heavy laden
Bruised and broken by the Fall
If you tarry 'till you're better
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo! incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him, venture wholly
Let no other trust intrude
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

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Saints and angles joined in concert
Sing the praises of the Lamb
While the blissful seats of heaven
Sweetly echo with His name
"Hallelujah, hallelujah!"
Sinners here may do the same.

Salvation Belongs To Our God

(Words & Music: Adrian Howard & Pat Turner 1985)

Salvation belongs to our God
Who sits upon the throne
And unto the Lamb
Praise and glory wisdom and thanks
Honor and power and strength

*Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever, Amen*

And we the redeemed shall be strong
In purpose and unity
Declaring aloud
Praise and glory wisdom and thanks
Honor and power and strength

Prayer

Announcements

At the beginning of announcements parents are dismissed to pick up their children from nursery.

Benediction

Tonight's Evening Service: Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching "The God who Prays" on Romans 8:26-28.